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 - Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R&D
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 - Brief Summary of the Invention
 - Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
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 - Claim(s)
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